The Pyatt family

from Allithwaite, England

to Kennedy's Creek, Victoria 1923

AFew words about our Pyatts in Australia

Charles Pyatt was born in 1888 and Edith Hadwin was born in 1889, both born in Lancashire England. Charles worked as a butchers assistant and farmer and Edith was the daughter of a grocer. Charles married Edith in 1912 and they had the first six of their nine children. Ken, Eleanora, Cyril[Bill] Ruth, Clarrie, and Edith May.

On December 9th 1922 Charles purchased a ticket to sail to Australia aboard the "ORMONDE", for himself and their son Ken.Then later the same day a ticket for the rest of the family was purchased. It is unsure why the tickets were purchased separately as there was plenty of space to include the names of the rest of the family on the first ticket. One theory is that Edith did not want to emigrate and Charles decided to purchase a ticket for himself and Ken to pursuade her to come with him. The photo that most of the family will recognise on the front cover of this book was taken shortly before leaving England and was the actual passport photo for the family.

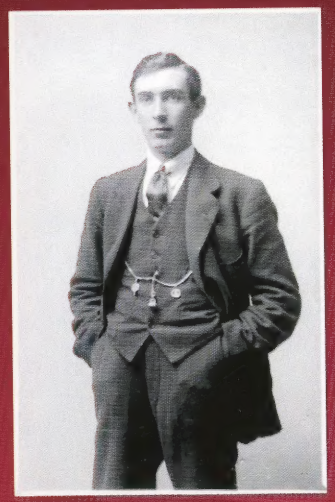
One can only imagine the thoughts going through the minds of this young family as they packed all of their belongings and said their goodbyes to their large families.They brought with them many photos of their loved ones and boarded the ship that would take them to a new life. They arrived in Melbourne via Colombo on February 8th 1923. Also travelling with the family was Edith's brother James [uncle Jimmy]who stayed close to them until he returned to England in 1936. By coinsidence he sailed back home on the "ORMONDE"

The family stayed at Heidelburg for two weeks, Port Campbell for about six months, Scott's Creek for about six months, Newfield and then Kennedy's Creek and were burnt out shortly after. Charlie worked for a butcher in Port Campbell and crushed stones in Scott's Creek.

In 1926 William [uncle Willie] and his wife Sarah came to Australia aboard "THE JERVIS BAY" and settled at Devondale near Kennedy's Creek. They had one child, a daughter Audrey.

The Hadwin family of Alithwaite
back row L-R James, Fred, Joe, Willie & George
front row L-R Grandmother Hadwin (Eleanora)
Edith (granma Pyatt) Lizzie, Tom & Grandfather Hadwin (Henry)

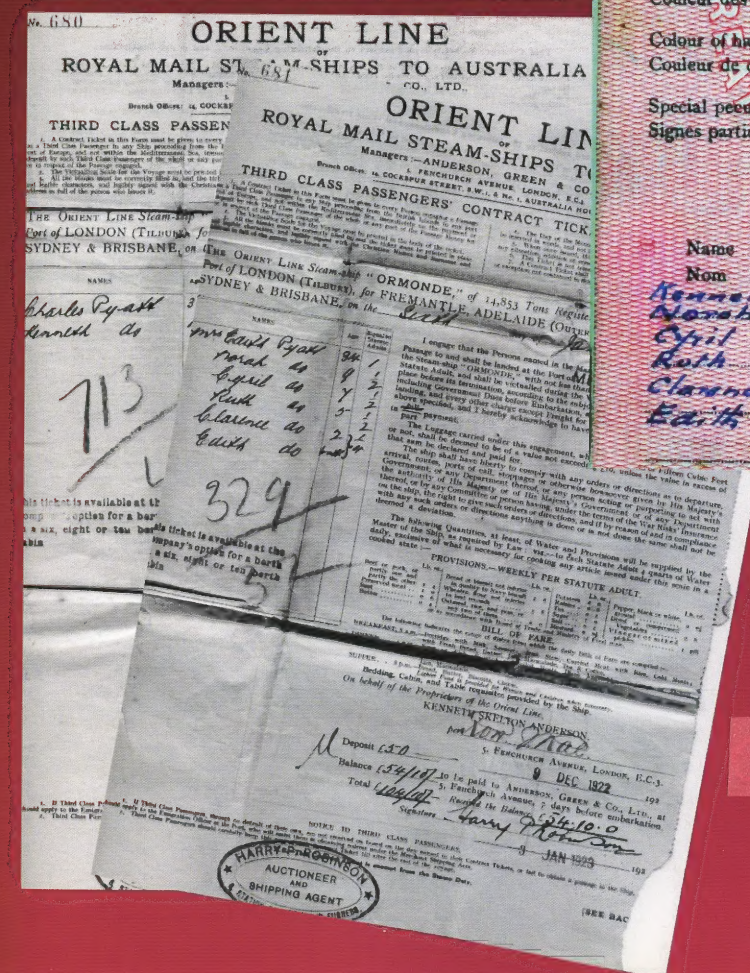
The Hadwin home & shop
then & now

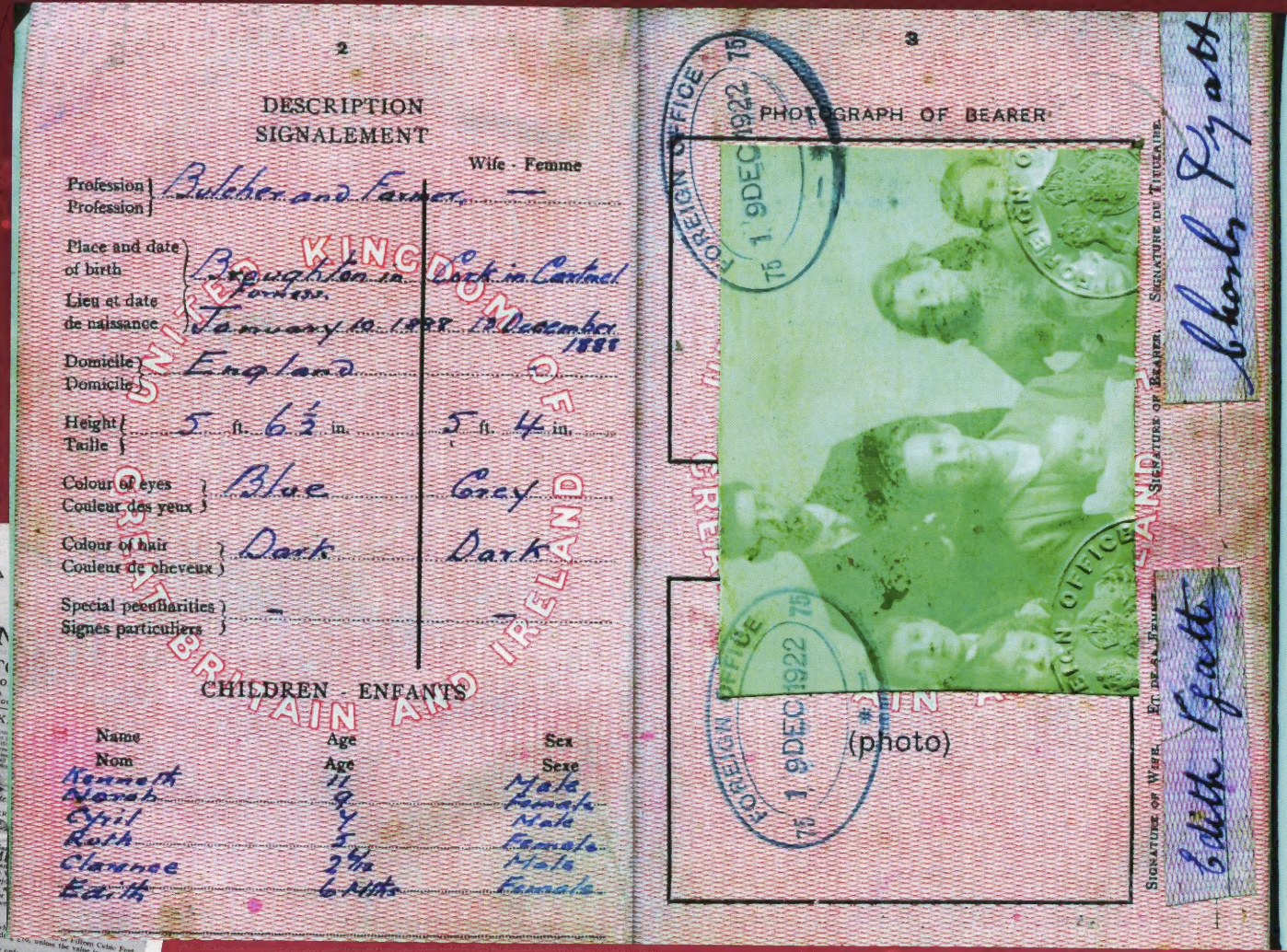


clockwise from left
Grandmother Hadwin & sons
Joseph, William, George, Fred & James (Thomas-no photo avilable)

daughters left to right
Lizzie Hadwin, Edith Hadwin, May Hadwin

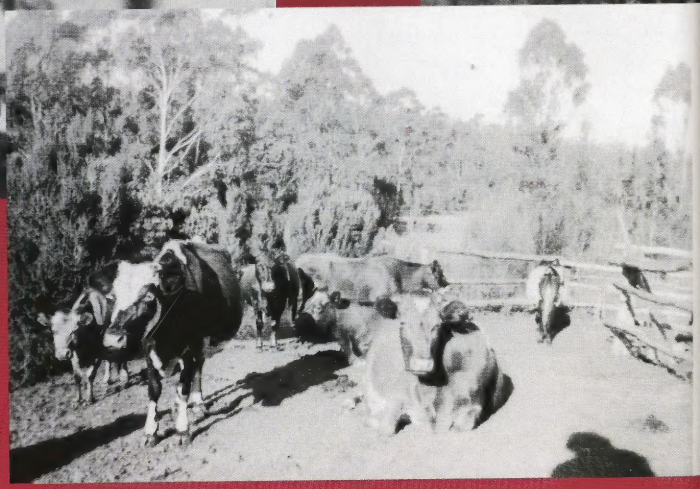
top left- Charles Pyatt working as a butchers assistant
top right- Charles as a baby
bottom - Charles Pyatt (sitting)





The family arrived in Melbourne aboard the "ORMONDE" on the 8th February 1923.

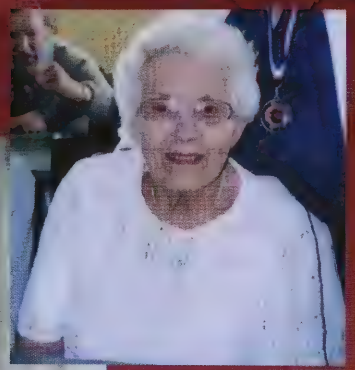
Edith 's brother James -"uncle Jim" travelled with them, he returned to England in 1936

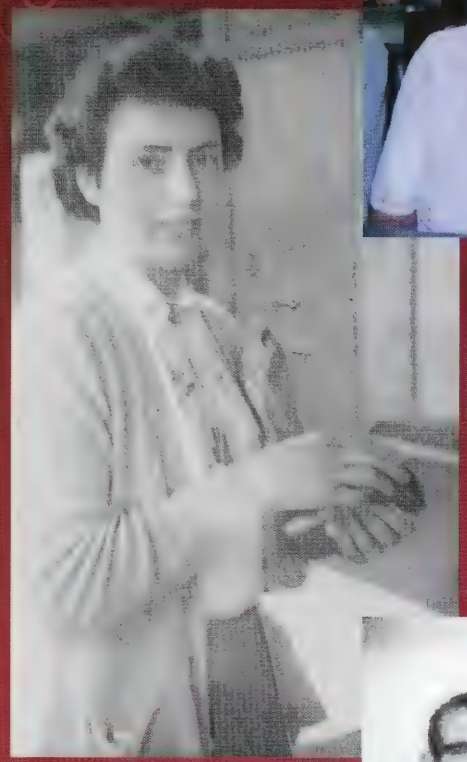


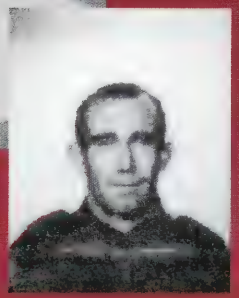
Life in Kennedy's Creek

middle - Granma Pyatt
with the truck
top right - Charlie &
Granma Pyatt
at Uncle Willies place
The family truck
Florrie & Irene

Ken & Rose Pyatt (nee Porter)
far right - Ken & Irene





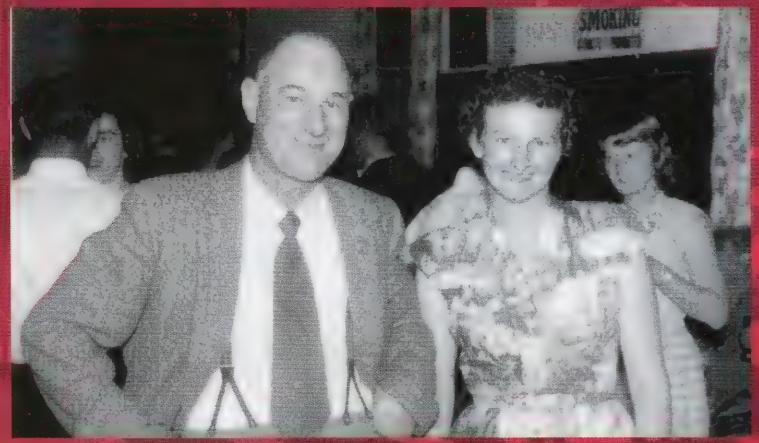


Eleanora Pyatt & Gordon Mason
bottom - Alexander James Buchanan

left - Bill & Glad Neil [nee Greenslade]
right - Cyril 'Bill' Pyatt & family

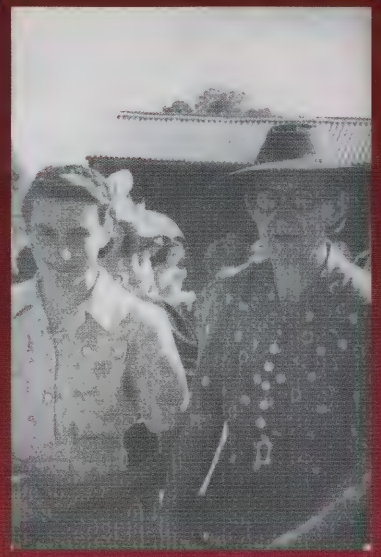
Ruth Pyatt on right with Eleanora

left - Clarrie & Ethel Pyatt (nee Pearce)
right - Clarrie & family at Kennedy's Creek



left - L to R Irene, Lucy & Edith May Pyatt
right - Edith May Pyatt & Charlie Bowen
top right - Lucy & Clarrie Pyatt ,
Charlie Bowen & Edith May Pyatt

left - Lucy, Florrie & Irene Pyatt at Kennedy's Creek
top & right- Lucy Pyatt
bottom - L-R Irene, Lucy & Florrie Pyatt



left - Irene Pyatt - top Ken Harrowfield]
bottom right - Irene & Ken's family
top right - Irene & Granma Pyatt

left - Irene & Florence 'Florrie' (on right) Pyatt
middle - Florrie with some of her children
right & bottom - Florrie & George Cook

William & Sarah Hadwin with their daughter Audrey at their home in Devondale, near Kennedy's Creek.
Uncle Willie & Sarah arrived in Melbourne aboard the "JERVIS BAY" 23rd December 1926

back left - Irene, Ruth, Edith May,
Lucy, Clarrie, Florrie
front - Ken, Granma Pyatt, Eleanora,
Cyril [Bill] absent. 1969

back left - Ruth, Lucy, Clarrie, Irene, Edith May, Florrie
front left - Cyril [Bill] Ken, Eleanora - 1978

Charles Pyatt 1888 - 1963

Edith Pyatt (nee Hadwin) 1889 - 1978

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